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SUBJECT: INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 12-14

1. LATE ARRIVAL OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS FROM OECD SECRETARIAT REMAINS A STRONG CONCERN OF STATE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN LEFT WITH INADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE POSITIONS THAT ARE RESPONSIVE BOTH TO USG REQUIREMENTS AND EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE. OUR EFFORTS AT PAST INDUSTRY COMMITTEE SESSIONS TO IMPROVE SECRETARIAT PERFORMANCE ON DOCUMENT PREPARATION HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. MISSION SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE SENIOR SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, PERHAPS OSHIMA OR WOOTTON, OF US CONCERNS. MISSION SHOULD ALSO EXPLAIN THAT IN THE FUTURE USG WILL

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FIND IT DIFFICULT TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN INDUSTRY COMMIT-

TEE SESSIONS AND MAKE TIMELY DECISIONS UNLESS CONSIDERABLY MORE ADEQUATE TIME IS PROVIDED BY SECRETARIAT TO STUDY DOCUMENTS AND PROPOSALS. THIS APPLIES TO THE APPROACHING MARCH MEETING AND ALL FOLLOWING SESSIONS.

3. TO INSURE USG IS GOING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO BE A RESPONSIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, MISSION IS ASKED IN FUTURE

TO SEEK OUT UNDISTRIBUTED DOCUMENTATION WITHIN SECRETARIAT WHICH MAY NOT BE QUITE FINALIZED BUT WHICH IS IN CONDITION TO BE CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON. AS WE APPROACH CLOSELY TO TIME OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, MISSION IS ASKED TO POUCH SEPARATE COPY OF KEY DOCUMENTS DIRECTLY TO EUR/RPE (TARRANT).

4. FOR OTTAWA. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 1 AND 2 TO INDUSTRY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DRAHOTSKY AND REQUEST HIS SUPPORT IN SEEKING MORE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE ON PART OF SECRETARIAT. KISSINGER

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